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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Plague at San Francisco, Cal.

Surgeon Austin reports:

August 31. Interne and female nurse city and county hospital plague. Total cases to date, 11. Total deaths to date, 6.

September 1. One case city and county hospital and 1 case Seventeenth and Harrison streets. Total, 13 cases. Total deaths, 6.

September 2. One case Lombard street September 1. Total cases to date, 14. Total deaths, 6.

September 2. Case plague died hospital in Berkeley September 1. Had been at Point Richmond, across bay. Total cases to date, 15, including Berkeley. Total deaths to date, 7.

September 3. New case plague Lombard street; one case Francisco street. Total cases to date, 17; total deaths, 7.

September 4. No new cases. One death to-day. Total cases to date, 17; total deaths, 8.

Measures for preventing spread of plague at San Francisco.

In order to prevent the spread of bubonic plague from San Francisco to coastwise cities of California and other States on the Pacific coast and to foreign ports, a plan has been arranged, after consultation with the authorities in San Francisco, for fumigation with sulphur for the destruction of rats on all outgoing vessels from San Francisco, the work to be carried on by the quarantine officers of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service. By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury the revenue cutters *Golden Gate* and *Hartley* are to aid in carrying men and material for the fumigation of vessels in San Francisco Harbor.

Under date of September 4 Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy wires that the work of disinfection begun September 2 was in full operation September 3.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 2,001,193. Total number of deaths reported to the State board of health, 2,540, corresponding to an annual death rate of 14.2 per 1,000 population. Deaths from contagious diseases were as follows: Diphtheria 34, enteric fever 54, measles 17, scarlet fever 7, smallpox 2, whooping cough 22, and 367 from tuberculosis.